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In re Application of  
Badylak, et al.  
Application No. 10/044,031  
Filed: January 11, 2002  
Docket No.: 3220-69262  
For: PURIFIED SUBMUCOSA GRAFT  
MATERIAL

DECISION GRANTING STATUS  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a),  
filed November 18, 2002.

The petition is GRANTED.

Petitioner has shown that inventor Michael C. Hiles has refused to  
join in the filing of the above-identified application after having  
been presented with the application papers.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and  
found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby  
accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of  
this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the  
address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this  
application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the above-identified application  
will be returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for  
further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to  
the undersigned at (703) 305-0310.

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Dear Sir:

You are named as an inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost as per 37 C.F.R. § 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0310. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

  
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